

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add an abstract as follows:

A method that enables an examination of postage paid impressions on bulk mailings and/or a billing of charges for bulk mailings, suitable for billing specific types of delivery. The method can be used for processing large quantities of postal articles and, in particular, can be integrated into processing processes in letter or parcel distribution centers. According to the invention, graphical information located on the surface of the postal articles is detected and items of information are determined. These items of information are used for assigning the postal articles to a respective type of delivery during which an address of an addressee, and a detail that identifies the postal articles and/or identifies a deliverer of the postal article is determined, and during which the number of postal articles delivered by a deliverer is established. The determined items of information are associated with one another in such a manner as to establish a delivery structure, and the established number and the established delivery structure are compared with a delivery job batch, which contains a number of the delivered postal articles and a delivery structure and which is conveyed by a customer, and/or a delivery job batch containing the number and the delivery structure is created. In addition, the delivery job batch is compared to a customer record that contains a prepaid postage amount and/or a limit for a postage amount.